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SUBJECT: DISASTER IN TENNESSEE

1. THE WHITE HOUSE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT TOLBERT ON FEBRUARY 25: QUOTE -- DEAR MR.
PRESIDENT: I HAVE HEARD THE SAD NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEATH
OF TWENTY-ONE OF YOUR CITIZENS AND OF INJURIES TO ONE
HUNDRED AND FORTY OTHERS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AS A
RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURRED WHEN A QUARTER
MILLION GALLONS OF LIQUID FUEL EXPLODED IN A RESIDENTIAL
AREA WHILE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM A RAILWAY TANKER WAGON
TO ROAD WAGONS. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA
JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY THE GOVERNOR AND PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.
AS WE PRAY FOR THE PEACEFUL REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE
VICTIMS OF THIS DISASTER, IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT
ALMIGHTY GOD WILL COMFORT THE BEREAVED FAMILIES AND RESTORE
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TO PERFECT HEALTH THOSE AFFLICTED WITH INJURIES. WITH
RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.
SINCERELY, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR. UNQUOTE.

2. THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESIDENT'S
RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE ON THE NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION.

NO FORMAL RESPONSE WILL BE SENT.

CHRISTOPHER

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